

How to Become a Member

In order to become a member of The Gathering Place you must:

- Be over 18 years of age
- Have a mental illness
- Have your diagnosis confirmed by your psychiatrist

If you have a question about the application process, or would like to have an application package sent to

you, please call the

Intake/ Membership Team at

(713) 729-3499, extension 11

from 9 am to 5 pm CST,

and we will be happy to answer

your questions.



Transportation Options

Nearby Metro Bus Stops:

WILLOW DRIVE @ RICECREST DRIVE

WILLOW DRIVE @ GASMER DRIVE

METROLift Scheduling: 713-225-6716

The Gathering Place

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to Belong



www.gplace.org

Our Story

In 1984, a group of parents had a vision of a place where their adult children could find meaning in the midst of their persistent mental illness. They created a home-like environment in southwest Houston that encourages interaction, involvement and growth - a place where adults dealing with the difficulties of mental illness can gather for friendship and social activities as well as for rehabilitation and training opportunities. They named this

The Gathering Place.

At The Gathering Place, members learn new ways of coping with their illness, often discovering hidden aspirations and talents that give their lives fresh meaning and inspiration. It is truly a place for making a new start. No other resource exactly like this exists in the immediate community or in the entire state of Texas.

The Gathering Place started with six volunteers and eight members. Now with seven full time staff members, nine board members and a budget of just over \$600,000, we maintain an annual membership of nearly 400.



Programs & Services

The Work-Structured Day

Clubhouse members take ownership of running the daily activities of the organization **while simultaneously participating in**

their own recovery process. Members volunteer their time in all aspects of TGP including administration, intake and orientation, outreach, public relations, clubhouse maintenance and advocacy.



Employment Program

Here at The Gathering Place, our ultimate mission is not for clubhouse members to stay here all day every day. Instead, we want them to be out in the community working or volunteering and living as independently and self-sufficiently as possible. To this end, we offer an Employment Program. Our Employment Program assists members who are ready to rejoin the workforce through paid employment or volunteer positions. Staff assists clubhouse members with resumes, applications and interview preparation. Staff members also provide support and motivation once a member is employed and often visits employers to advocate for the clubhouse member and help resolve issues that arise.

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Wellness Program

Our Certified Health Education Specialist works with clubhouse members to create monthly wellness challenges and provides regular seminars on issues that are vital to our community such as Medication Management, Daily Living Skills Training, Symptom Management, and Healthy Diet and Exercise.

Socialization Program

Every member that attends participates in the activities of the clubhouse on some level, whether it is making outreach calls to members who have not attended in a few days, washing windows, baking a cake for another member's birthday, running our retail food and beverage shop, staffing the library, or assisting staff with administrative duties. These activities are performed alongside other clubhouse members, building self esteem and confidence when interacting with others. In addition to these daily activities, TGP also offers socialization activities in the form of Friday Fun Nights. These consist of competitive games, prizes, movies and food. Members play an active role in planning and implementing all of these socialization activities, which strengthens relationships as well as builds self-esteem and planning and implementation skills.